

QUESTION OF HIGH SCHOOL 'FRATS' NOT ON IMMEDIATE FILE

Board Too Busy on Routine Matters to Take Up Fraternity Case.

Horace W. Truesdell, the high school superintendent who refused him last June because of his father's association with a high school fraternity, must wait some time longer before he finally learns whether the Board of Education will overrule the decision of the high school authorities.

The fraternity question in general and the Truesdell case in particular are the burning questions confronting Washington school authorities, and, although the flames have been burning low during the summer, they will be fanned into white heat again when the matter comes to a crisis, there being at hand some most inflammatory fuel in the shape of the special report on fraternities submitted last spring by a special committee of school teachers. This report declared that high school "frats" were everything they should not be in themselves and in their effect on the schools.

The Board of Education did not take to the report with any great heartiness, but final action on it has not been had, and when it comes up for real disposition the Board of Education may have a war within itself which will make the battle in the early summer between the Board of Education and the District Commissioners seem in comparison a larklike picnic tea affair. That conclusion was the charge emanating from Commissioner Judson's office that school authorities had sided down the colored school authorities and building estimates with malicious intent.

The fraternity question, Superintendent of Schools William Davidson said today, will not be considered at the first meeting of the Board of Education this fall, this meeting being regularly due on the first Wednesday in October. It is barely possible that a special meeting of the board will be called before that date to consider routine orders from the superintendent's office, this approval being a formality only, though legally necessary.

"But the fraternity question will not be taken up at this special meeting, if one is called, nor at the first regular meeting," said Dr. Davidson, "because for several excellent reasons sufficient study of the problem has not yet been made."

Since arriving in Washington, Dr. Davidson has been one of the busiest men within the District borders and important routine work in connection with the opening of schools has monopolized his time to the exclusion of matters like the fraternity question. So far as can be learned there has been no meeting yet of the special committee which will report on the Truesdell case. While a question germane to the general "frat" question, the matter of the Truesdell diploma probably will have separate adjudication by the Board of Education.

Given Jail Sentence For Stealing Piping

Depredation of private property by stripping a house at 704 Q street northwest, of most of its plumbing, sent Percy Washington, colored, to jail for six months from United States branch of Police Court today.

Washington must further answer to the charge of stealing 155 feet of wire lead-covered cable from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Bonds of \$500 were fixed for his appearance. Samuel Johnson, also colored, is held, charged with assisting Washington in rifling the Q street house, the property of Roger O'Manion.

The cases of William Carson and Thomas Edwards, charged with stealing 140 pounds of wire from the Washington Terminal Company, are continued until September 23, and George Edwards and Aaron Lewis charged with housebreaking, by entering a Pullman car in the yards of the same company, will be given hearing on September 23.

All these defendants are colored, and it is believed by the police they are members of a band that has recently given constant trouble by depredations on private property, and in stealing piping and metals.

The activity of the police in rounding up these alleged offenders was suggested by Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given in securing severe sentences for the men convicted.

Industrial Exposition Of North Dakota Open

BISMARCK, N. Dak., Sept. 26.—Following months of preparation, North Dakota's big industrial exposition was opened here today with practically every foot of exhibition space occupied. The agricultural, live stock, mining, pottery, milling, and other industries of the State are well represented among the exhibits. The exposition will continue for a period of three weeks.

Friday of this week is to be one of the big days of the fair, when J. Hill, of St. Paul, and President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific road will deliver addresses.

Atlanta Is to Ballot On Commission Plan

ATLANTA, Sept. 26.—Whether Atlanta shall adopt the commission form of municipal government or continue to be governed under the existing plan will be decided by the voters at a special election tomorrow.

The campaign, which closed today, has been one of the most spirited in the history of the city. Both the advocates and opponents of the proposed change express confidence in the result of the election.

Oklahoma's Fair Is Greatest Ever Held

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 26.—The Oklahoma State fair opened today with a large crowd and with practically every foot of available space in the fifty-eight buildings filled with exhibits. Horses, cattle, and other live stock exceed in number and quality all of the displays of previous years, while in the agricultural, mechanical and domestic art halls the exhibits are unusually attractive. The fair will continue until October 7.

Team Loses; Seeks Death.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 26.—Heartbroken because the baseball team he managed was defeated for the amateur championship of the city, George Bain, nineteen, attempted suicide by shooting himself.

TAFT WILL CHANGE HORSES IN STREAM

Anti-Trust Issue and Not Tariff and Reciprocity Will Be Depended Upon to Keep Present Administration in Power, It Is Said.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The Taft Administration is going to change horses, despite that it is about the middle of a troubled political stream.

The tariff and reciprocity horse is to be abandoned, as a means to riding back into the Presidency, and the anti-trust horse will be tried out.

This is the opinion which politicians in Washington have developed in the last few days. They think they discover the evidences of a change of front in various recent developments.

Whether the change of issues would have been made if Canadian reciprocity had not failed is mooted. Many observers believe that the President had recognized, even before the fluke in Canada, that the tariff was a bad issue for him, and that he must force some other issue in a commanding position in order to distract attention. The failure of reciprocity rather accentuated the necessity of this, because a failure is at best a poor issue; the sooner forgotten the better.

No more vigorous expression has been delivered by the President on any live proposition since he went on tour than his declaration against charging the Sherman act and in favor of enforcing it. He commended the recent trust decisions and insisted that the courts be given opportunity to work out the details of reorganization procedure for the trust.

Something big is doing in the matter of anti-trust prosecution. Of this, little doubt is entertained in either business or political circles. The thing is important and commanding is regarded as certain to be sprung, in this department, by Congress next month, probably just about in time to draw public attention away from smaller affairs, the various department investigations, and the like.

Mr. Taft has been the least popular officer in the Taft Cabinet, but he also has been the most influential one with the President. Mr. Taft has unbounded confidence in him. He will not retire, despite rumors.

In connection with the Wiley case. To the contrary, he is the man on whom will be placed the largest responsibility for getting the Administration back into the good graces of the country before the next election. There is over a year ahead, and a good deal can be done in that time, at least in the direction of demonstrating a vigorous purpose.

Far from being rejected, the Attorney General is the head of the corner in the structure of policy and politics from this time forth. It will be a startling change, because the Administration has been persistently regarded as amicably inclined toward the big business interests.

Why this should have been so is not apparent, for Mr. Wickham, with the fullest support of his chief, has instituted and pressed more anti-trust actions than all his predecessors together. But the suspicion against him persists, especially in the anti-Taft West and Middle West.

Mr. Wickham is to make the big effort to overcome the prejudice, to win back the confidence of the radical sections, and to rehabilitate the Administration in the confidence of people who have been unwilling to believe it sincere in enforcing the anti-trust act.

The mystery about the impending move in this campaign continues dense. It is known that Solicitor General Lehmann has forwarded to the Attorney General some sort of report or recommendation in the matter of the Steel Corporation, but its contents and even its direction are utterly unknown. So vigorous constructive have brought positive denials. But there is no doubt that something of surpassing moment is about to develop in this anti-trust direction.

However unfortunate he has been in effort to command confidence, of the radicals, the Attorney General is doing quite as badly with the conservative elements. "Wall Street" fondly expected he would be "its" Attorney General. He has not been a disappointment of the kind. He has been a sorry disappointment to it, as a long list of vigorous and effective prosecutions, public utterances, and announcements of policy prove.

PHONE GIRL, BRIDE OF MILLIONAIRE, 'SUPREMELY HAPPY'

Capital Girl and Husband, Who Met Only Last Thursday, on Honeymoon.

A honeymoon as the bride of W. B. Jessup, New York millionaire clubman and Guatemala railroad magnate, is being enjoyed today at New York by a former telephone operator at the Raleigh Hotel, Miss Myrtle E. Bell, of 507 First street northwest.

Miss Bell, who is thirty years of age, met her husband for the first time last Thursday, while working at the Raleigh switchboard, her friends say, eloping yesterday to New York. They were married yesterday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, according to word received by the bride's parents.

Mr. Jessup, who is fifty-four years of age, won Miss Bell by a courtship by mail. For a year he has sent her postcards from all parts of the world; flowers, candy, and other gifts. Her friends say, however, that they never met until Thursday.

A whirlwind courtship in Washington followed, culminating in the elopement to New York yesterday afternoon.

"Everything all right; supremely happy," is the telegram received from Mrs. Jessup by her father, William H. Bell, a photographer, at 229 F street northwest.

"We knew Myrtle was engaged to Mr. Jessup, but her trip to New York for the marriage so soon was a surprise," Mr. Bell said this morning. "Anyway, she has done fine; got a splendid husband with lots of money," he added.

Jessup is a widower, and has a son at Georgetown University.

Will Go to Guatemala. Miss Bell has been chief telephone operator at the Raleigh for twelve years and her soft, silvery voice is said to have first attracted the New Yorker. Their acquaintance over the telephone was developed into a courtship by correspondence. When Mr. Jessup returned from Guatemala last week, however, he hunted up Miss Bell. Their decision to go to New York yesterday and be married was on impulse, it is said, their plans having been to married Christmas. Tomorrow is Miss Bell's thirtieth birthday anniversary and it is believed this figured in their decision to be married at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessup will enjoy a honeymoon of several days at New York. Her father says the couple will return to Washington the latter part of the week, to remain a few days before going to Guatemala, where Mr. Jessup is connected with the Guatemalan Central railroad.

Dr. E. P. Magruder To Wed Next Month

Dr. Ernest P. Magruder, one of the best known physicians in Washington, and for three years superintendent of the Emergency Hospital, is to be married, on October 23, to Miss Mary MacGregor, in Edinburgh. This information reached Washington this morning, and has been confirmed by the friends of Dr. Magruder.

Miss MacGregor is the youngest daughter of Lady Helen and the late Sir Malcolm MacGregor, a rear admiral of the British navy. Dr. Magruder met the young woman several years ago while traveling in Europe.

He left Washington September 8 on a three months' leave of absence. He confided in several of his friends that he intended getting married while abroad, but declined to give any of the details.

He will return to Washington with his bride on December 8. It is said that he has no intention of relinquishing his duties as superintendent of the Emergency Hospital.

Students Stop Panic.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Sept. 26.—College students in a box at the Lyceum Theater here, nipped a panic in the bud by singing college songs when some one yelled fire.

WIFE ASSERTS SHE 'KILLED' HUSBAND IN 'WRESTLING FOR GUN'

Member of Denver Social Set Defends Fatal End of Quarrel.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 26.—Declaring she acted only in self-defense, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson today defended the shooting of her husband, Charles A. Patterson, a tuberculosis victim, in Aurora, a suburb. Mrs. Patterson belongs to a wealthy St. Louis family, and her husband was formerly a well-to-do Chicago broker. They have been married only two years. They have lived here more than a year, and moved in exclusive society.

The shooting followed months of marital troubles, culminating in the filing of a divorce suit here by Mrs. Patterson, charging cruelty. Then came counter-charges by Patterson that his wife had eloped to Europe with Emil W. Strobas, Chicagoan, who was a well-known clothing store owner. Mrs. Patterson made an appointment with him by telephone, and the shooting followed.

Mrs. Patterson declares she shot only when she feared her husband would kill her. She declares the revolver which killed Patterson was held by her husband, and that in wrestling with him for the weapon she must have shot him.

"The whole affair is awful," declared Mrs. Patterson today. "When we met and I showed him a clipping which told about the elopement, he drew the revolver, handed it to me, and said: 'Why don't you kill yourself?' He then tried to wrest the revolver from me. What happened was awful-terrible."

Funeral Rites for An Aged Resident

Funeral services for Miss Maria W. Harbaugh, eighty-five years old, for more than sixty-five years a resident of Washington, where she had been a well-known church worker, were held from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart this morning at 9 o'clock. After the ceremonies, the body was taken to Baltimore, where she was born.

Born in Baltimore in 1826, Miss Harbaugh came to Washington when a young girl, and ever since that time had been a resident here. For the last fifteen years she had made her home at the residence of her son, Frank X. Boucher, 124 Columbia road, where she died on Sunday.

Miss Harbaugh had been a parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church for more than a half century, but for the last decade she had attended religious services at the Sacred Heart Shrine. She was a prominent member of the Christ Child Society, a charitable organization of Catholic women. Many acts of kindly help and charity, always done quietly, are attributed to her.

Miss Harbaugh also was well known in the church at Shepherdstown, Md., where she frequently visited. She leaves few near relatives.

Not to Get Pay When Absent Beyond Leave

Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell has given a decision to Disbursing Clerk G. Johannes of the Department of Commerce and Labor in which he holds that disbursing clerks of the executive departments are not entitled to pay for periods of absence in excess of the leave granted under the provisions of law.

The question arose in connection with the proposed allowance of a voucher for \$250 to Disbursing Clerk W. C. Soleau of the Department of Commerce and Labor. It was to cover time when he was absent in excess of the usual time of leave allowed Government employees. Refusing to make an exception in the case of disbursing clerks, the comptroller holds the voucher should not be paid.

BOD ROBBER, 'TIP,' ESCAPES PENALTY OF DARING THEFT

Accident of Animal Species Saves Purloiner of Jewelry Bag.

If "Tip," a fox terrier belonging to Robert I. Miller, an attorney, living at 1210 Eighth street northwest, were a human instead of a dog he would be facing charges of grand larceny and housebreaking in the Police Court today. As it is, he is frolicking in the rear yard of the Miller home, unconscious of the fact that he was the "thief" responsible for the biggest jewel "robbery" in Washington in months.

When Mrs. Miller started to dress to go to the ball game yesterday afternoon, she made the startling discovery that a chamois bag containing a pair of earrings, which she valued at \$500, and \$200 worth of other jewelry, was missing.

Mrs. Miller telephoned her husband, who notified the police, and Detective Vermillion, of the Central Office, was sent to the house. Nothing about the premises indicated that a thief had been at work in the house, and the detective spent two hours going through bureau drawers and other places where he thought Mrs. Miller might have put the jewels and forgotten what she had done with them. Failing to find them, he went out in the backyard. Mrs. Miller went with him.

"Tip" was lying on the grass playfully chewing a string. "Why, that's the string from my jewel bag," said Mrs. Miller. Down in a corner of the yard where Tip usually buries his bones, the ground looked like a salted diamond mine. The string stones were scattered all around. All of the jewels were found except two stones which "Tip" had chewed out of a crescent brooch. A man was stationed in the yard all night to guard against intruders, and this morning search for the two stones was continued.

Strike Is Indicated On Harriman Lines

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Sept. 26.—Indications are strong that the allied trades on the Harriman lines, including boiler makers, car men, machinists, blacksmiths, and helpers, will be following the example of the organization of the international officers with President O'Connell, of the machinists.

Funeral Services for Samuel Lee Tomorrow

The funeral of Samuel Lee, one of the pioneer grocers of Washington, who had been a resident of the city since his birth sixty-seven years ago, will be held from the Fifth Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment following in Congressional Cemetery.

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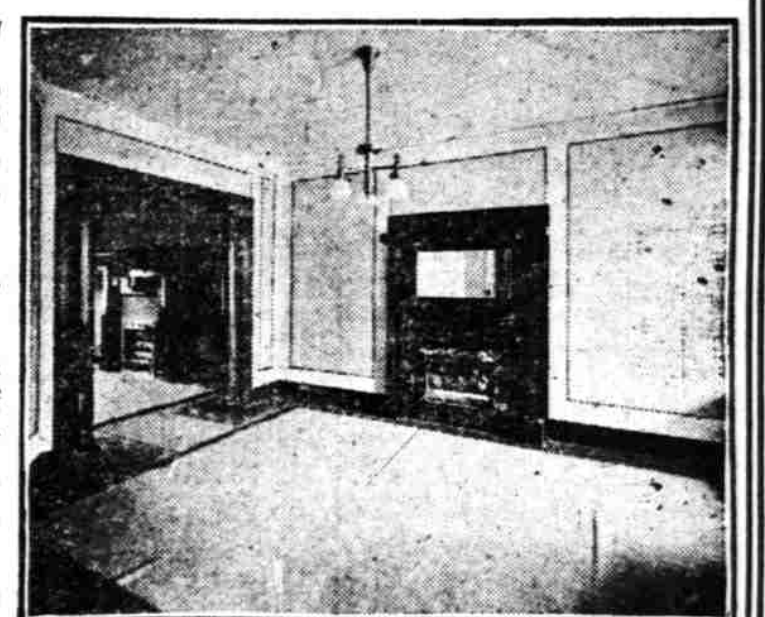
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